

## MEETING MINUTES Richmond Hill Downtown Development Authority Regular Monthly Meeting Tuesday, February 14, 2023- 8:30 A.M. Richmond Hill Council Chambers

Members present:

Georgene Brazer, Kevin Bowes, Jeff Nielsen, Robbie Ward & Eddie Warren

Members absent:

Catherine Grant & Megan Gillespie

Guests present:

None

Staff present:

Nathan Clark, Assistant City Manager

Chairman Brazer called the meeting to order at 8:31 AM

Mr. Ward made a motion to approve the February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda; seconded by Mr. Bowes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bowes made a motion to approve the January 10<sup>th</sup> 2023 meeting minutes; seconded by Ms. Nielsen. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Warren presented Downtown Development Authority's monthly Financial Report with an ending balance of \$62,761.85. Mr. Nielsen made a motion to approve the Financial Report as presented; seconded by Bowes. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board entered into a free flowing discussion regarding their priorities for 2023.

Areas of importance the DDA would like to focus on include improving the City's intersections at I-95 + GA 144 as well as I-95 + US 17. Some ideas on how to enabline these intersections include improve appearance of overpasses, landscaped medians and expand white Ford fencing. Mr. Clark said we would examine area for additional opportunities for improvement.

Continued Historic Preservation was also identified as a DDA priority. The board discussed ideas related to the Community House as well as the importance of the Courthouse Annex building is to developing the identity of the "Crossroads."

The group acknowledged the success of the DDA "mural program" and wants to continue to look for ways art can energize our commercial corridors.



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Mr. Ward brought to the DDA's attention his interest in donating to the Coastal Bryan Tree Foundation at the same rate the DDA donated in 2022 which is \$500. He would ask for Coastal Tree Bryan to attend the March meeting in for them to update the DDA on their current initiatives and how the DDA could contribute to their project – namely the previously discussed Tree Garden on Timber Trail Mr. Clark provided the board for its approval the 2023 DDA meeting schedule. Typically, the Board shall meet throughout 2023 on the first Tuesday of the Month at 8:30 AM with the following exceptions:

Mr. Warren made a motion to approve a \$500 donation to Coastal Bryan Tree Foundation as presented; seconded by Mr. Bowes. Motion carried unanimously.

Although it was on the agenda – there was no need to discuss the Earnest Homes Sign Grant since it was resolved and voted on at December 2022 meeting.

No public comment was presented.

Mr. Ward made a motion to adjourn the meeting as; seconded by Mr. Ward. Motion carried unanimously.

Georgene Brazer, Chairman

Date

3/06/23

5-6-23

Nathan Clark, Assistant City Manager

Date